



ABBOTS FARM INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Apply for Free School Meals...

it's quick and easy using the online form at:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

At Abbots Farm Infant School, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free school meal every day through the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme. However, if your family receives Universal Credit or certain other benefits, we strongly encourage you to apply for benefits-based Free School Meals.

Although your child already receives a free lunch, registering could help unlock additional support for your child and provide extra funding that helps us offer valuable resources, interventions and enrichment opportunities across our school.

Many families are surprised to find that they qualify, and the application only takes a few minutes.

Why is it important to apply?

By registering, your child may benefit from:

- Additional support to help them thrive academically and emotionally
- Targeted intervention programmes where extra help is needed
- Enrichment activities and wider opportunities that enhance learning
- Additional resources, equipment and pastoral support to help them succeed in school

Registering may also enable the school to receive additional funding through the Government's Pupil Premium programme. This funding helps us provide additional teaching support, interventions, resources and enrichment opportunities that help children achieve their very best.

Do You Qualify for Benefits-Based Free School Meals?

Your child may be entitled to benefits-based free school meals if you receive:

- Universal Credit

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit Run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Support for families with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) where eligibility criteria are met

Pupil Premium

Some pupils who qualify for benefits-based free school meals may also meet the criteria for Pupil Premium funding, which provides additional funding to schools to help improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged pupils. This funding can be used to support teaching, interventions, resources, enrichment opportunities and pupil wellbeing.

Apply Online

Even if you are unsure whether you qualify, we encourage you to apply. A quick eligibility check could make a real difference to your child and help us continue to provide the very best opportunities for all pupils.

You can check eligibility and apply online through Warwickshire County Council:
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals

Applying is completely confidential and will not affect any other benefits you receive. If you would like help completing an application, please contact our school office. We will be happy to assist and all enquiries will be treated sensitively and confidentially.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Lovejoy
 Headteacher